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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement PTO-1449

2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted by applicant on 12-27-2005 and 11-17-2010 has been considered. Please see attached PTO-1449.

Objections

3. Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 18 and 20 are objected to for the following informalities:

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the secret" in line 16. Claim 3 recites the limitation "the symmetric" in line 3. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the hash" in line 3 and "the first" in line 5. Claim 8 recites the limitation "the value" in line 6, and "the authenticator" in line 19. Claim 12 recites the limitation "the hash" in line 3. Claim 18 recites the limitation "the identifier" in line 4, "the public" in line 5, "the password" in line 9, "the token" in line 10, and "the successful" in line 14. Claim 20 recites the limitation "the encrypted value" in line 10.

There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-7, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 includes: "(d) the subscriber station receiving an authenticator of the authentication server according to an authentication success on the transmitted authenticator of the subscriber by the authentication server; and (e) the subscriber station using the secret key and the password, authenticating the received authenticator of the authentication server, and receiving the authenticator of the authentication server when the authentication is successful".

The meaning and scope of these limitations are unclear. For example it is not clear in step (d) "according to an authentication success" is referring to what/which "authentication success". Claim does not show any step for authentication success. Step (d) discloses "receiving an authenticator of the authentication server ". Step (e) also discloses "receiving the authenticator of the authentication server". It is not clear as why authenticator of the authentication server is received in both steps (d) and (e).

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for including unclear limitations similar to the claim 1.

Claims 2-7 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being dependent on the rejected claims 1 and 18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halasz et al. (US Patent No. 6,996,714) in view of Mackenzie (US Publication No. 2002/0194478).

As per claim 1 and 18,

Halasz teaches in a key exchange method for mutual authentication at a subscriber station accessed to an authentication server through a wired/wireless communication, a two-factor authenticated key exchange method comprising: the subscriber station receiving a random number generated by the authentication server; using the received random number, a password predefined in the subscriber station, and a key stored in a token, and transmitting an encrypted first specific value and a generated authenticator of the subscriber to the authentication server (column 7, lines 7-50); the subscriber station receiving an authenticator of the authentication server according to an authentication success on the transmitted authenticator of the subscriber by the authentication server; and the subscriber station using the secret key and the password, authenticating

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the received authenticator of the authentication server, and receiving the authenticator of the authentication server when the authentication is successful (column 7, lines 57-column 8, line 15).

Halasz does not explicitly teach the subscriber station transmitting a key to the authentication server, the key being generated using an identifier of the subscriber station and a public key of the authentication server. However, in an analogous art, Mackenzie teaches the subscriber station transmitting a key to the authentication server, the key being generated using an identifier of the subscriber station and a public key of the authentication server (paragraph [0060], [0062]). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Halasz to include the subscriber station transmitting a key to the authentication server, the key being generated using an identifier of the subscriber station and a public key of the authentication server. This would have been obvious because person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to improve computational efficiency associated with network authentication and key exchange (paragraph [0002]).

As per claim 8 and 20,

Halasz teaches in a method for an authentication server accessed to a subscriber station for wired/wireless communication to exchange a key for mutual authentication, a two-factor authenticated key exchange method comprising: the

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authentication server receiving a key ; the authentication server using the value received from the subscriber station detecting the subscriber's password, the key stored in a token, and a public key of the authentication server, generating a random number, and transmitting the random number to the subscriber station; the authentication server receiving an encrypted value generated by the subscriber station and the subscriber's authenticator based on the transmitted random number (column 7, lines 7-50); the authentication server establishing a first predetermined value generated by using the password, the key stored in the token, and the random number to be a secret key, decrypting the encrypted value received to generate a second predetermined value, authenticating the received authenticator of the subscriber based on the second predetermined value, and receiving the subscriber's authenticator when the authentication is successful; and the authentication server using the password, the key stored in the token, and, the public key, and transmitting the authenticator of the authentication server to the subscriber station (column 7, lines 57-column 8, line 15).

Halasz does not explicitly teach a key which is generated by the subscriber station by using an identifier and a public key of the authentication server. However, in an analogous art, Mackenzie teaches a key which is generated by the subscriber station by using an identifier and a public key of the authentication server (paragraph [0060]. [0062]).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Halasz to include a key which is generated by the subscriber station by using an identifier and a public key of the authentication server. This would have been obvious because person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to improve computational efficiency associated with network authentication and key exchange (paragraph [0002]).

As per claim 15,

Halasz teaches in a mutual authentication method through a two-factor authenticated key exchange between a subscriber station and an authentication server in a wireless communication system in which the subscriber station and the authentication server are accessed through an access point, an authentication method through a two-factor authenticated key exchange comprising: the subscriber station receiving an identifier request from the access point (column 7, lines 39-42); the subscriber station transmitting a key ; the authentication server using the key received from the subscriber station, detecting the subscriber's password, the secret key, and the public key of the authentication server, generating a random number, and transmitting the random number to the subscriber station through the access point (column 7, lines 1-50); the subscriber station using the received random number, the password, and the key stored in the token, and transmitting an encrypted first predetermined value

and the generated authenticator of the subscriber to the authentication server through the access point; the authentication server establishing a second predetermined value generated by using the password, the key stored in the token, and the random number to be a secret key, decrypting the encrypted value received, authenticating the received authenticator of the subscriber based on the decrypted value, and when the authentication is found successful, transmitting an authenticator of the authentication server generated by using the password, the key stored in the token, and the public key to the subscriber station through the access point; the subscriber station using the key stored in the token and the password, authenticating the received authenticator of the authentication server, and transmitting an authentication result to the authentication server through the access point; and the authentication server transmitting an access permission for the subscriber to the subscriber station through the access point when the authentication result transmitted from the subscriber station is found successful (column 7, lines 45-column 8, line 15).

Halasz does not explicitly teach a key which is generated by using an identifier of the subscriber station and a public key of the authentication server to the authentication server through the access point. However, in an analogous art, Mackenzie teaches a key which is generated by using an identifier of the subscriber station and a public key of the authentication server to the authentication server through the access point (paragraph [0060], [0062]).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Halasz to include a key which is generated by using an identifier of the subscriber station and a public key of the authentication server to the authentication server through the access point. This would have been obvious because person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to improve computational efficiency associated with network authentication and key exchange (paragraph [0002]).

As per claim 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 19 and 21,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein the key stored in the token is a symmetric key; and before (a), the subscriber station determining the symmetric key and the password used for a symmetric key algorithm and sharing the symmetric key and the password with the authentication server during a registration process; and the subscriber station generating a random number and precomputing the first determined value when the subscriber station does not exchange a key for authentication with the authentication server (column 7, lines 35-column 8, line 15) .

As per claim 4 and 5,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein the subscriber station stores the password and the public key of the authentication server in the token (column 4,

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lines 30-39); wherein the generated key is generated by applying a one-way Hash function to an identifier of the subscriber station and the public key of the authentication server in (a) (column 5, lines 1-25).

As per claim 6,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein (c) comprises: applying the Hash function to the received random number, the password, and the key stored in the token, and generating a second predetermined value; using the second predetermined value and encrypting the first predetermined value; using the random number and the first predetermined value, and generating the subscriber's session key; applying the Hash function to the generated session key, the password, the key stored in the token, and the identifier of the subscriber station, and generating the subscriber's authenticator; and transmitting the encrypted first predetermined value and the subscriber's authenticator to the authentication server (column 4, line 64, column 5, line 25).

As per claim 7,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein (e) comprises: applying the Hash function to the subscriber's session key, the password, the key stored in the token, and the public key of the authentication server, and generating a third predetermined value; determining whether the generated third predetermined value corresponds to the authenticator of the authentication server received from

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the authentication server; and determining that the authentication between the subscriber station and the authentication server is successful and receiving the authenticator of the authentication server when the generated third predetermined value is found to correspond to the authenticator of the authentication server (column 13, lines 12-27).

As per claim 11,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein the authentication server stores the key stored in the token, the password, and the secret key of the authentication server in a security file database (column 5, lines 1-25).

As per claim 12,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein (d) comprises: applying the Hash function to the password, the key stored in the token, and the random number, and generating the first predetermined value; establishing the generated first predetermined value to be a secret key, decrypting the received encrypted value, and generating the second predetermined value; using the generated second predetermined value, the public key of the authentication server, and the random number, and generating a session key of the authentication server; determining whether the value obtained by applying the Hash function to the generated session key, the password, the key stored in the token, and an identifier of the subscriber station corresponds to the received authenticator of the subscriber;

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and determining that the authentication for the subscriber is found to be successful and receiving the authenticator of the subscriber when the value corresponds to the received authenticator of the subscriber (column 4, line 64, column 5, line 25).

As per claim 13,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein the session key of the authentication server is used to generate the authenticator of the authentication server in (e) (column 4, lines 30-39).

As per claim 14,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein the subscriber station transmits a user name, a hashed value of the public key of the authentication server, and a domain name to the authentication server when the identifier of the subscriber station uses the NAI (network access ID) format in order to support global roaming and billing in (a) (column 13, lines 12-27).

As per claim 17,

Halasz furthermore teaches wherein an extensible authentication protocol is used between the subscriber station and the access point, and a RADIUS protocol is used between the access point and the authentication server (column

3, lines 19-28).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Abyaneh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7961. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from (8:00-5:00). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on **(571) 272-3865**. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned as (571) 273-8300 Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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